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On August 25, Embassy provided Deputy Energy Secretary Sell's and Under Secretary Joseph's letter, together with the Draft Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Statement of Principles, to Stanislas Lefebvre de Laboulaye, the MFA's Political Director. (Sell and Joseph called upon Laboulaye earlier in the year to discuss GNEP.) Embassy also provided a copy of the draft principles to the Deputy Director for International Affairs at France's Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), Didier Kechemair. On August 28, ESTH counselor and ESTH nonproliferation officer provided copies of the above-mentioned letter and principles to the Deputy Director of the Sub-Directorate for Nuclear Nonproliferation, Hugues de Longevialle. The latter recalled the several instances in which senior U.S. and French officials have discussed GNEP and said that French authorities would be pleased to review the draft principles. We emphasized that the U.S. would very much appreciate receiving any French comments in the next two weeks.

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